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ETIN order to avoid delays, on account of personal absence, letters to THE STAR should not be addressed to any individual connected with the office, but simply to THE STAR, or to the Editorial or Business Departments, according to tenor or purpose.

Attorney General Olney has spared a little time from his defense of the odious income-tax law to make a soundly sensible decision in regard to the presence of troops in New Orleans during the levee war. The New Orleans authorities, having taken no steps themselves beyond the ordinary and totally linadequate police precautions to quell the riots, appealed to the government for aid. In the absence of the President, Mr. Olney decided without further consultation that the federal troops could not be sent until the state had exhausted all her resources to keep the peace. The reports so far received indicated that the state had

In the absence of any explanation from the Cuban authorities of the action of the Spanish war ship in firing at the United States mail steamer Allianca there is excellent ground for believing that there has been a violation of international courtesy. According to the captain and passengers of the versel, she was considerably beyond the three-mile limit, within which she might be considered as being subject to the surveillance of the Cuban government. This last condition, however, would prevail only under a state of war, but the United States is not now officially cognizant of the existence of any strife in Cuba. It is at peace with Spain and does not know Cuba as being in a state of belligerency. From all the circumstances it would appear as though the act were that of a hasty, inconsiderate commander who, imagining the ellent ground for believing that there has Allanca to be a possible fillbusterer, undertook to stop her by firing at first blank and then solid shots. The latter fortunately did no damage, but this does not affect the question in point as to whether the Spanish government, through its agents, has not inadvertently or otherwise insulted the flag and endangered the peaceful carrying of international mails. It is altogether probable that when all the facts have been laid before both governments an ample apology will be made by Spain for what appears to have been a stupid blunder.

By exposing an absurdity in the statutes, a Louisiana judge, while showing his disgust for prize fighting, has been forced to decide that there is nothing in the law to prevent the Olympic Club of New Orleans from holding exhibitions and conducting p-called championship contests. This pinion settles a case that has been pendopinion settles a case that has been pending for over a year and permits the club to resume its conteats. The court concluded that the act of 1800, which was supposed to be designed to punish prize-fighting in the state of Louisiana, virtually permits it by the uncertainty of its terms. He characterized the statute as a piece of legislative fraud and mendacity, and said that it practically makes prize-fighting a legitimate business and a domestic industry. He found that a prize fight is a glove contest is a prize fight with gloves; that in each case there is a duel with fists, for a prize; in each there is maining and blood-shedding, and in each brutality and danger to ng, and in each brutality and danger the statute which prohibited prize-fighting on will go far towards clearing the legal atmosphere in this matter. A bad statute has been denounced by a fearless judge and perhaps an effective law will now take

It would be hard on the rolons who re-cently investigated the gas question for the Senate if it should turn out that the new illuminant called "acetylene" can really be made, ready to be used, for about five cents a thousand cubic feet. After months of consideration the Senate Dis-trict committee came to the conclusion at the very end of the session that gas cannot profitably be manufactured in the District for less than \$1.25 a thousand. The pre-liminary reports from the new gas, which is not a new gas at all, but an old friend with new processes of manufacture, show, with new processes of manufacture, show it is said, that it is in some respects super-ior to coal or oil gas, being of higher illuminating power and producing only about one-half the heat. The gas, it is reported, may be liquified and sold in cans ready to be attached to the supply pipe. Perhaps the gas industry is about to be revolutionized.

In demonstrating the power of organiza-ion by labor the Springfield Republican tion by labor the Springfield Republican calls attention to the fact that although the labor unions of New York state in 1894 had a combined membership of but 155,363, a small proportion only of the working people in that commonwealth, yet the unions combined have a considerable political influence. "And when they strike," continues the Republican, "they make the industrial world stand on its head." The industrial world did seem to turn a good many somersaults and to do a good deal of reversionary acrobatics in the vicinity many somersaults and to do a good deal of reversionary acrobatics in the vicinity of Brooklyn last winter when a few of the unions went on a strike because with good reason they were not wholly pleased with the management of the local street car companies. Indeed it is to be feared that a large part of the industrial world of Brooklyn is standing on its head yet, and that the labor organizations of the City of Churches have not succeeded in getting their feet on solid ground to this day. Combined labor will be a greater political factor when it begins to realize that the value of a strike is not in proportion to the frequency of such demonstrations, becoming more effective with each recurrence. On the other hand, like any other powerful, radical remedy, it loses its force powerful, radical remedy, it loses its force with each repetition of the dose. Physi-cians testify that medicine loses its power for good as the constitution becomes accusstrikes made a matter of more difficulty and responsibility there would be fewer of these agitations, which almost invariably fail to produce the desired result. The cus fail to produce the desired result. The customary flood of strike literature that has followed the Brooklyn troubles, which is always to be expected after each of these disturbances, brings to hand a great mass of figures to show the loss to the state, the community and the individual by reason of these almost useless struggles. The fiscal cost of the Brooklyn strike is estimated in the millions. Its real cost, however, will probably never be known, for there will continue to be suffering among the men

who participated and their families for many months to come, and in addition to the purely financial cost of the strike there is to be counted the great injury done to the children of the misguided men who lost their positions by following the bad advice of their leaders. The loss of the maintaining salary of the head of the family results in throwing these children out of school and upon the streets in an effort to contribute to the support of the household. There they may learn to be self-reliant men and women, but the chances are far greater that they will yield to the other influences that lead to lower grades of life.

of life.

So it is a moral as much an economic question that is yet to be answered when the query is put: Does it pay to strike!

There is no dcubt of the value of organiza-There is no doubt of the value of organization among all classes of laboring men;
trades unions are as necessary as incorporations of capital. Men of common pursuits, instincts and tastes banded together
under good leadership will improve themselves as surely as there is the natural
tendency in man to better his condition,
but with had leaders and with mistaken
notions of the functions of organization
the workingmen of America cannot help
themselves. It would seem to be true that
few of the managers of strikes ever realize
the tremendous responsibility that rests
with them when they begin to consider the
advisability of ordering out their followers.
They are in a sense more responsible than
the leader of a political revolution, for the
latter attracts to his standard at first only
the disaffected elements of society, and
history shows that the men who flock to

Some valuable posthumous papers of the late unlamented Fifty-third Congress have just been discovered and printed, forming 27 of the Congressional Record, dated five days after the expiration of the session, has just been received. It is exceptionally thrilling, containing the final chapters of several hair-raising serial stories that have been running through the pages all winter. One writer, who signs himself "Hon. Joseph D. Sayers of Texus," has two whole pages of figures designed to show that the budgets have been reduced under democratic rule. This is supposed to be a speech that was delivered on March 4, as is also the next paper, written by "Hon. D. B. Henderson of Iowa," two pages and a half in length, intended to show that the appropriations were really increased under the democratic rule. Next follow four pages of discourse by "Hon. James C. Mcings of St. Valentine's Day. It is not cer tain who wrote the headline, "Beware of remarks of "Hon, Richard Bartholdt of Missouri" delivered on February 5. It may have been that mysterious man, the giltor of the Record. The index of the rest of this priceless relic contains such spell-binding names and topics as these: Maddox on the late Senator Colquitt; Tate on ditto; Springer on the Monetary Conference: Boatner on the Pacific Railroads; Cóoper (Ind.) on Pensions; Grosvenor on Money, and on the Tennessee Centennial; and Pettigrew on the Hawaiian Cable. The gem of the lot is a delicate little brochure by Cooper (Ind.) on the Tariff, in which that statesman dissects the entire subject in thirty-two brief lines. As a "left-over" proof sheet this Issue of the Record is a success.

It is stated that Mr. Cleveland's outing is

There are many readers of the press who would be just as well pleased if the ambi-tion of the Goulds and Vanderbilts to keep their private affairs out of the newspaper could be gratified.

It will not be his fault if the American young man with money in the course time makes a practice of marrying o European young women with ancestry.

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